

## Appendix B. History of Management.

### History of Management of the South Atlantic Snapper Grouper Fishery

The snapper grouper fishery is highly regulated; some of the species included in this amendment have been regulated since 1983. **Table 1** summarizes actions in each of the amendments to the original FMP, as well as some events not covered in amendment actions.

**Table 1.** History of management for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic region.

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| FMP (1983)                      | 08/31/83                  | PR: 48 FR 26843<br>FR: 48 FR 39463    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12" total length (TL) size limit – red snapper, yellowtail snapper, red grouper, Nassau grouper.</li> <li>- 8" TL size limit – black sea bass.</li> <li>- 4" trawl mesh size.</li> <li>- Gear limitations – poisons, explosives, fish traps, and trawls.</li> <li>- Designated modified habitats or artificial reefs as special management zones (SMZs).</li> </ul>                  |
| Regulatory Amendment #1 (1987)  | 03/27/87                  | PR: 51 FR 43937<br>FR: 52 FR 9864     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibited fishing in SMZs except with hand-held hook-and-line and spearfishing gear.</li> <li>- Prohibited harvest of goliath grouper in SMZs.</li> </ul>   |
| Amendment #1 (1988a)            | 01/12/89                  | PR: 53 FR 42985<br>FR: 54 FR 1720     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibited trawl gear to harvest fish south of Cape Hatteras, NC and north of Cape Canaveral, Florida.</li> <li>- Directed fishery defined as vessel with trawl gear and ≥200 pounds (lbs) snapper grouper on board.</li> <li>- Established rebuttable assumption that vessel with snapper grouper on board had harvested such fish in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).</li> </ul> |
| Regulatory Amendment #2 (1988b) | 03/30/89                  | PR: 53 FR 32412<br>FR: 54 FR 8342     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Established 2 artificial reefs off Ft. Pierce, Florida as SMZs.</li> </ul>   |
| Notice of Control Date          | 09/24/90                  | 55 FR 39039                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone entering federal wreckfish fishery in the EEZ off South Atlantic states after 09/24/90 was not assured of future access if limited entry program developed.</li> </ul>  |
| Regulatory Amendment #3 (1989)  | 11/02/90                  | PR: 55 FR 28066<br>FR: 55 FR 40394    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Established artificial reef at Key Biscayne, Florida as SMZ. Fish trapping, bottom longlining, spear fishing, and harvesting of goliath grouper prohibited in SMZ.</li> </ul>  |
| Amendment #2 (1990)             | 10/30/90                  | PR: 55 FR 31406<br>FR: 55 FR 46213    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibited harvest/possession of goliath grouper in or from the EEZ.</li> <li>- Defined overfishing for goliath grouper and other species.</li> </ul>  |

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| Emergency Rule           | 8/3/90                           | 55 FR 32257                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Added wreckfish to the fishery management unit (FMU).</li> <li>- Fishing year beginning 4/16/90.</li> <li>- Commercial quota of 2 million lbs.</li> <li>- Commercial trip limit of 10,000 lbs per trip.</li> </ul>  |
| Fishery Closure Notice   | 8/8/90                           | 55 FR 32635                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fishery closed because the commercial quota of 2 million lbs was reached.</li> </ul>  |
| Emergency Rule Extension | 11/1/90                          | 55 FR 40181                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extended the measures implemented via emergency rule on 8/3/90.</li> </ul>  |
| Amendment #3 (1990b)     | 01/31/91                         | PR: 55 FR 39023<br>FR: 56 FR 2443   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Added wreckfish to the FMU.</li> <li>- Defined optimum yield (OY) and overfishing.</li> <li>- Required permit to fish for, land or sell wreckfish.</li> <li>- Required catch and effort reports from selected, permitted vessels.</li> <li>- Established control date of 03/28/90.</li> <li>- Established a fishing year for wreckfish starting April 16.</li> <li>- Established a process to set annual quota, with initial quota of 2 million lbs; provisions for closure.</li> <li>- Established 10,000 lb trip limit.</li> <li>- Established a spawning season closure for wreckfish from January 15 to April 15.</li> <li>- Provided for annual adjustments of wreckfish management measures.</li> </ul> |
| Notice of Control Date   | 07/30/91                         | 56 FR 36052                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone entering federal snapper grouper fishery (other than for wreckfish) in the EEZ off S. Atlantic states after 07/30/91 was not assured of future access if limited entry program developed.</li> </ul>   |

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| Amendment #4<br>(1991) | 01/01/92                  | PR: 56 FR 29922<br>FR: 56 FR 56016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibited gear: fish traps except black sea bass traps north of Cape Canaveral, Florida; entanglement nets; longline gear inside 50 fathoms; bottom longlines to harvest wreckfish**;</li> <li>- powerheads and bangsticks in designated SMZs off South Carolina.</li> <li>- Defined overfishing/overfished and established rebuilding timeframe: Red snapper and groupers ≤ 15 years (year 1 = 1991); other snappers, greater amberjack, black sea bass, red porgy ≤ 10 years (year 1 = 1991).</li> <li>- Required permits (commercial &amp; for-hire) and specified data collection regulations.</li> <li>- Established an assessment group and annual adjustment procedure (framework).</li> <li>- Permit, gear, and vessel id requirements specified for black sea bass traps.</li> <li>- No retention of snapper grouper spp. caught in other fisheries with gear prohibited in snapper grouper fishery if captured snapper grouper had no bag limit or harvest was prohibited. If had a bag limit, could retain only the bag limit.</li> <li>- 8” TL size limit – lane snapper.</li> <li>- 10” TL size limit – vermilion snapper (recreational only).</li> <li>- 12” TL size limit – red porgy, vermilion snapper (commercial only), gray, yellowtail, mutton, schoolmaster, queen, blackfin, cubera, dog, mahogany, and silk snappers.</li> <li>- 20” TL size limit – red snapper, gag, and red, black, scamp, yellowfin, and yellowmouth groupers.</li> <li>- 28” fork length (FL) size limit – greater amberjack (recreational only).</li> <li>- 36” FL or 28” core length – greater amberjack (commercial only)</li> <li>- Bag limits – 10 vermilion snapper, 3 greater amberjack.</li> <li>- Aggregate snapper bag limit – 10/person/day, excluding vermilion snapper and allowing no more than 2 red snappers.</li> <li>- Aggregate grouper bag limit – 5/person/day, excluding Nassau and goliath grouper, for which no retention (recreational &amp; commercial) is allowed.</li> <li>- Spawning season closure – commercial harvest greater amberjack &gt; 3 fish bag prohibited in April south of Cape Canaveral, Florida.</li> <li>- Spawning season closure – commercial harvest mutton snapper &gt; snapper aggregate prohibited during May and June.</li> <li>- Charter/headboats and excursion boat possession limits extended.</li> </ul> |

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| Amendment #5 (1992a)            | 04/06/92                  | PR: 56 FR 57302<br>FR: 57 FR 7886  | - Wreckfish: Established limited entry system with individual transferable quotas (ITQs); required dealer to have permit; rescinded 10,000 lb trip limit; required off-loading between 8 am and 5 pm; reduced occasions when 24-hour advance notice of offloading required for off-loading; established procedure for initial distribution of percentage shares of total allowable catch.   |
| Emergency Rule                  | 8/31/92                   | 57 FR 39365                        | - Black Sea Bass: modified definition of black sea bass pot; allowed multi-gear trips; allowed retention of incidentally-caught fish on black sea bass trips.   |
| Emergency Rule Extension        | 11/30/92                  | 57 FR 56522                        | - Black Sea Bass: modified definition of black sea bass pot; allowed multi-gear trips; allowed retention of incidentally-caught fish on black sea bass trips.   |
| Regulatory Amendment #4 (1992b) | 07/06/93                  | FR: 58 FR 36155                    | - Black Sea Bass: modified definition of black sea bass pot; allowed multi-gear trips; allowed retention of incidentally-caught fish on black sea bass trips.   |
| Regulatory Amendment #5 (1992c) | 07/31/93                  | PR: 58 FR 13732<br>FR: 58 FR 35895 | - Established 8 SMZs off South Carolina, where only hand-held, hook-and-line gear and spearfishing (excluding powerheads) was allowed.  |
| Amendment #6 (1993)             | 07/27/94                  | PR: 59 FR 9721<br>FR: 59 FR 27242  | - Commercial quotas for snowy grouper and golden tilefish.<br>- Commercial trip limits for snowy grouper, golden tilefish, speckled hind, and warsaw grouper.<br>- Include golden tilefish in grouper recreational aggregate bag limits.<br>- Prohibited sale of warsaw grouper and speckled hind.<br>- 100% logbook coverage upon renewal of permit.<br>- Creation of the <i>Oculina</i> experimental closed area.<br>- Data collection needs specified for evaluation of possible future individual fishing quota system.   |
| Amendment #7 (1994a)            | 01/23/95                  | PR: 59 FR 47833<br>FR: 59 FR 66270 | - 12" FL – hogfish.<br>- 16" total length (TL) – mutton snapper.<br>- Required dealer, charter and headboat federal permits.<br>- Allowed sale under specified conditions.<br>- Specified allowable gear and made allowance for experimental gear.<br>- Allowed multi-gear trips in North Carolina.<br>- Added localized overfishing to list of problems and objectives.<br>- Adjusted bag limit and crew specifications for charter and head boats.<br>- Modified management unit for scup to apply south of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.<br>- Modified framework procedure. |
| Regulatory Amendment #6 (1994)  | 05/22/95                  | PR: 60 FR 8620<br>FR: 60 FR 19683  | - Established actions which applied only to EEZ off Atlantic coast of Florida: Bag limits – 5 hogfish/person/day (recreational only), 2 cubera snapper/person/day > 30" TL; 12" TL – gray triggerfish.  |
| Notice of                       | 04/23/97                  | 62 FR 22995                        | - Anyone entering federal black sea bass pot sector off   |

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| Control Date                   |                                  |                                     | South Atlantic states after 04/23/97 was not assured of future access if limited entry program developed.   |
| Amendment #8 (1997a)           | 12/14/98                         | PR: 63 FR 1813<br>FR: 63 FR 38298   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Established program to limit initial eligibility for snapper grouper fishery: Must demonstrate landings of any species in snapper grouper FMU in 1993, 1994, 1995 or 1996; and have held valid snapper grouper permit between 02/11/96 and 02/11/97.</li> <li>- Granted transferable permit with unlimited landings if vessel landed <math>\geq</math> 1,000 lbs. of snapper grouper spp. in any of the years.</li> <li>- Granted non-transferable permit with 225 lb trip limit to all other vessels.</li> <li>- Modified problems, objectives, OY, and overfishing definitions.</li> <li>- Expanded South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (South Atlantic Council) habitat responsibility.</li> <li>- Allowed retention of snapper grouper spp. in excess of bag limit on permitted vessel with a single bait net or cast nets on board.</li> <li>- Allowed permitted vessels to possess filleted fish harvested in the Bahamas under certain conditions.</li> </ul> |
| Regulatory Amendment #7 (1998) | 01/29/99                         | PR: 63 FR 43656<br>FR: 63 FR 71793  | - Established 10 SMZs at artificial reefs off South Carolina.   |
| Interim Rule Request           | 1/16/98                          |                                     | - South Atlantic Council requested all Amendment 9 measures except black sea bass pot construction changes be implemented as an interim request under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).  |
| Action Suspended               | 5/14/98                          |                                     | - NOAA Fisheries informed the South Atlantic Council that action on the interim rule request was suspended.   |
| Emergency Rule Request         | 9/24/98                          |                                     | - South Atlantic Council requested Amendment 9 be implemented via emergency rule.   |
| Request not Implemented        | 1/22/99                          |                                     | - NOAA Fisheries informed the South Atlantic Council that the final rule for Amendment 9 would be effective 2/24/99; therefore they did not implement the emergency rule.   |

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| Amendment #9 (1998b)             | 2/24/99                    | PR: 63 FR 63276<br>FR: 64 FR 3624                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Red porgy</u>: 14" TL (recreational and commercial); 5 fish recreational bag limit; no harvest or possession &gt; bag limit, and no purchase or sale, in March and April.</li> <li>- <u>Black sea bass</u>: 10" TL (recreational and commercial); 20 fish recreational bag limit; required escape vents and escape panels with degradable fasteners in black sea bass pots.</li> <li>- <u>Greater amberjack</u>: 1 fish rec. bag limit; no harvest or possession &gt; bag limit, and no purchase or sale, during April; quota = 1,169,931 lbs; began fishing year May 1; prohibited coring.</li> <li>- <u>Vermilion snapper</u>: 11" TL (recreational)</li> <li>Gag: 24" TL (recreational); no commercial harvest or possession &gt; bag limit, and no purchase or sale, during March and April</li> <li>- <u>Black grouper</u>: 24" TL (recreational and commercial); no harvest or possession &gt; bag limit, and no purchase or sale, during March and April.</li> <li>- <u>Gag and Black grouper</u>: Within 5 fish aggregate grouper bag limit, no more than 2 fish may be gag or black grouper (individually or in combination).</li> <li>- <u>All snapper grouper without a bag limit</u>: Aggregate recreational bag limit 20 fish/person/day, excluding tomtate and blue runners</li> <li>- <u>Vessels with longline gear</u> aboard may only possess snowy, Warsaw, yellowedge, and misty grouper, and golden, blueline and sand tilefish.</li> </ul> |
| Amendment #9 (1998b) resubmitted | 10/13/00                   | PR: 63 FR 63276<br>FR: 65 FR 55203                 | - Commercial trip limit for greater amberjack.  |
| Regulatory Amendment #8 (2000a)  | 11/15/00                   | PR: 65 FR 41041<br>FR: 65 FR 61114                 | - Established 12 SMZs at artificial reefs off Georgia; revised boundaries of 7 existing SMZs off Georgia to meet Coast Guard permit specs; restricted fishing in new and revised SMZs.  |
| Emergency Interim Rule           | 09/08/99, expired 08/28/00 | 64 FR 48324 and 65 FR 10040                        | - Prohibited harvest or possession of red porgy.  |
| Emergency Action                 | 9/3/99                     | 64 FR 48326  | - Reopened the Amendment 8 permit application process.  |
| Amendment #10 (1998d)            | 07/14/00                   | PR: 64 FR 37082 and 64 FR 59152<br>FR: 65 FR 37292 | - Identified essential fish habitat (EFH) and established habitat areas of particular concern (HAPCs) for species in the snapper grouper FMU.   |

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| Amendment #11 (1998e)  | 12/02/99                  | PR: 64 FR 27952<br>FR: 64 FR 59126 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maximum sustainable yield (MSY) proxy: Goliath and Nassau grouper = 40% static spawning potential ration (SPR); all other species = 30% static SPR.</li> <li>- OY: Hermaphroditic groupers = 45% static SPR; goliath and Nassau grouper = 50% static SPR; all other species = 40% static SPR.</li> <li>- Overfished/overfishing evaluations: Black sea bass: overfished (minimum stock size threshold (MSST)=3.72 million pounds, 1995 biomass=1.33 million pounds); undergoing overfishing (maximum fishing mortality threshold (MFMT)=0.72, fishing mortality (F)1991-1995=0.95).</li> <li>Vermilion snapper: Overfished (static SPR = 21-27%).</li> <li>Red porgy: Overfished (static SPR = 14-19%).</li> <li>Red snapper: overfished (static SPR = 24-32%).</li> <li>Gag: Overfished (static SPR = 27%).</li> <li>Scamp: No longer overfished (static SPR = 35%).</li> <li>Speckled hind: Overfished (static SPR = 8-13%).</li> <li>Warsaw grouper: Overfished (static SPR = 6-14%).</li> <li>Snowy grouper: Overfished (static SPR = 5=15%).</li> <li>White grunt: No longer overfished (static SPR = 29-39%).</li> <li>Golden tilefish: Overfished (couldn't estimate static SPR.)</li> <li>Nassau grouper: Overfished (couldn't estimate static SPR)</li> <li>Goliath grouper: Overfished (couldn't estimate static SPR).</li> <li>- Overfishing level (OFL): Goliath and Nassau grouper = <math>F &gt; F_{40\%}</math> static SPR; all other species: = <math>F &gt; F_{30\%}</math> static SPR.</li> <li>- Approved definitions for overfished and overfishing. <math>MSST = [(1 - \text{natural mortality (M)}) \text{ or } 0.5 \text{ whichever is greater}] * B_{MSY}</math>. <math>MFMT = F_{MSY}</math></li> </ul> |
| Amendment #12 (2000c)  | 09/22/00                  | PR: 65 FR 35877<br>FR: 65 FR 51248 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Red porgy: MSY=4.38 mp; OY=45% static SPR; MFMT=0.43; MSST=7.34 mp; rebuilding timeframe=18 years (1999=year 1); no sale during January-April; 1 fish bag limit; 50 lb. bycatch commercial trip limit May-December; modified management options and list of possible framework actions.</li> </ul>   |
| Amendment #13A (2003b) | 04/26/04                  | PR: 68 FR 66069<br>FR: 69 FR 15731 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extended for an indefinite period the regulation prohibiting fishing for and possessing snapper grouper spp. within the <i>Oculina</i> experimental closed area.</li> </ul>  |
| Notice of Control Date | 10/14/05                  | 70 FR 60058                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The South Atlantic Council is considering management measures to further limit participation or effort in the commercial fishery for snapper grouper species (excluding wreckfish).</li> </ul>   |
| Amendment #13C (2006)  | 10/23/06                  | PR: 71 FR 28841<br>FR: 71 FR 55096 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- End overfishing of snowy grouper, vermilion snapper, black sea bass, and golden tilefish. Increase allowable catch of red porgy. Year 1 = 2006.</li> <li>- Snowy Grouper commercial: quota (gutted weight,</li> </ul>  |

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|   |                           |                                   | <p>gw) = 151,000 lbs gw in year 1, 118,000 lbs gw in year 2, and 84,000 lbs gw in year 3 onwards. Trip limit = 275 lbs gw in year 1, 175 lbs gw in year 2, and 100 lbs gw in year 3 onwards.</p> <p>Recreational: Limit possession to one snowy grouper in 5 grouper per person/day aggregate bag limit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Golden Tilefish Commercial: Quota of 295,000 lbs gw, 4,000 lbs gw trip limit until 75% of the quota is taken when the trip limit is reduced to 300 lbs gw. Do not adjust the trip limit downwards unless 75% is captured on or before September 1.</li> <li>Recreational: limit possession to 1 golden tilefish in 5 grouper per person/day aggregate bag limit.</li> <li>- Vermilion Snapper Commercial: Quota of 1,100,000 lbs gw.</li> <li>Recreational: 12" TL size limit.</li> <li>- Black sea bass commercial: Commercial quota (gutted weight) of 477,000 lbs gw in year 1, 423,000 lbs gw in year 2, and 309,000 lbs gw in year 3 onwards. Require use of at least 2" mesh for the entire back panel of black sea bass pots effective 6 months after publication of the final rule. Require black sea bass pots be removed from the water when the quota is met. Change fishing year from calendar year to June 1 – May 31.</li> <li>Recreational: Recreational allocation of 633,000 lbs gw in year 1, 560,000 lbs gw in year 2, and 409,000 lbs gw in year 3 onwards. Increase minimum size limit from 10" TL to 11" TL in year 1 and to 12" TL in year 2. Reduce recreational bag limit from 20 to 15 per person per day. Change fishing year from the calendar year to June 1 through May 31.</li> <li>- Red porgy commercial and recreational.</li> <li>- Retain 14" TL size limit and seasonal closure (retention limited to the bag limit).</li> <li>- Specify a commercial quota of 127,000 lbs gw and prohibit sale/purchase and prohibit harvest and/or possession beyond the bag limit when quota is taken and/or during January through April.</li> <li>- Increase commercial trip limit from 50 lbs ww to 120 red porgy (210 lbs gw) during May through December.</li> <li>- Increase recreational bag limit from one to three red porgy per person per day.</li> </ul> |
| Notice of Control Date                              | 3/8/07                    | 72 FR 60794                       | - The South Atlantic Council may consider measures to limit participation in the snapper grouper for-hire fishery.   |
| Amendment #14 (2007) Sent to NOAA Fisheries 7/18/07 | 2/12/09                   | PR: 73 FR 32281<br>FR: 74 FR 1621 | - Establish eight deepwater Type II marine protected areas (MPAs) to protect a portion of the population and habitat of long-lived deepwater snapper grouper species.  |
| Amendment   | 3/14/08                   | 73 FR 14942                       | - Establish rebuilding plans and Sustainable Fisheries   |

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| #15A (2008a)                 |   |                                    | Act (SFA) parameters for snowy grouper, black sea bass, and red porgy.   |
| Amendment #15B (2008b)       | 2/15/10   | PR: 74 FR 30569<br>FR: 74 FR 58902 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibit the sale of bag-limit caught snapper grouper species.</li> <li>- Reduce the effects of incidental hooking on sea turtles and smalltooth sawfish.</li> <li>- Adjust commercial renewal periods and transferability requirements.</li> <li>- Implement plan to monitor and assess bycatch.</li> <li>- Establish reference points for golden tilefish.</li> <li>- Establish allocations for snowy grouper (95% commercial &amp; 5% recreational) and red porgy (50% commercial &amp; 50% recreational).</li> </ul>  |
| Amendment #16 (SAFMC 2009a)  | 7/29/09   | PR: 74 FR 6297<br>FR: 74 FR 30964  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specify SFA parameters for gag and vermilion snapper.</li> <li>- Recreational and commercial spawning closure January through April for all shallow water groupers.</li> <li>- For gag: Specify interim allocations 51% commercial and 49% recreational; directed commercial quota=352,940 lbs gw; reduce 5-grouper aggregate to 3-grouper and 2 gag/black to 1 gag/black.</li> <li>- Exclude captain &amp; crew from possessing bag limit for vermilion snapper and grouper aggregate (including tilefish species).</li> <li>- For vermilion snapper: The final rule specified interim allocations 68% commercial &amp; 32% recreational; directed commercial quota split January-June equal to 315,523 lbs gw and 302,523 lbs gw July-December; reduce bag limit from 10 to 5 and a recreational closed season November through March.</li> <li>- Require dehooking tools.</li> </ul> |
| Amendment #17A (SAFMC 2010a) | 12/3/10 red snapper closure; circle hooks March 3, 2011 | PR: 75 FR 49447<br>FR: 75 FR 76874 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specify an annual catch limit (ACL) and an accountability measure (AM) for red snapper with management measures to reduce the probability that catches will exceed the stocks' ACL.</li> <li>- Specify a rebuilding plan for red snapper.</li> <li>- Specify status determination criteria for red snapper.</li> <li>- Specify a monitoring program for red snapper.</li> </ul>   |
| Emergency Rule               | 12/3/10   | 75 FR 76890                        | - Delay the effective date of the area closure for snapper grouper species implemented through Amendment 17A.  |

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| Amendment #17B (SAFMC 2010b)  | January 31, 2011                                     | PR: 75 FR 62488<br>FR: 75 FR 82280 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specify ACLs, annual catch targets (ACTs), and AMs, where necessary, for 9 species undergoing overfishing.</li> <li>- Modify management measures as needed to limit harvest to the ACL or ACT.</li> <li>- Update the framework procedure for specification of total allowable catch.</li> <li>- Prohibit harvest of six snapper-grouper species in depths greater than 240 feet to help reduce bycatch of speckled hind and warsaw grouper.</li> <li>- Prohibit all harvest and possession of speckled hind and warsaw grouper by setting the ACL = 0 (landings only).</li> </ul> |
| Notice of Control Date  | 12/4/08  | 74 FR 7849                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establishes a control date for the golden tilefish fishery of the South Atlantic.</li> </ul>  |
| Notice of Control Date  | 12/4/08  | 74 FR 7849                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establishes control date for black sea bass pot fishery of the South Atlantic</li> </ul>  |
| Amendment #19 (Comprehensive Ecosystem-based Amendment 1) (SAFMC 2010c) | 7/22/10  | PR: 75 FR 14548<br>FR: 75 FR 35330 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide presentation of spatial information for EFH and EFH-HAPC designations under the Snapper Grouper FMP.</li> <li>- Designation of deepwater coral HAPCs.</li> </ul>  |
| Regulatory Amendment 10 (SAFMC 2011a)                                   | 5/31/11  | PR: 76 FR 9530<br>FR: 76 FR 23728  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate closed area for snapper grouper species approved in Amendment 17A.</li> </ul>   |
| Regulatory Amendment 9 (SAFMC 2011b)                                    | Bag limit:<br>6/22/11<br><br>Trip limits:<br>7/15/11 | PR: 76 FR 23930<br>FR: 76 FR 34892 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish trip limit for vermilion snapper and gag, increase trip limit for greater amberjack, and reduce bag limit for black sea bass.</li> </ul>  |
| Regulatory Amendment 11 (SAFMC 2011c)                                   | May 10, 2012   | PR: 76 FR 78879<br>FR: 77 FR 27374 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eliminate harvest prohibition in depth greater than 240 ft for six deepwater species.</li> </ul>  |

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| Amendment #18A (SAFMC 2012a)  | July 1, 2012                     | PR: 77 FR 16991<br>FR: 77 FR 32408                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limit participation and effort in the black sea bass portion of the snapper grouper fishery.</li> <li>- Modifications to management of the black sea bass pot sector.</li> <li>- Improve the accuracy, timing, and quantity of fisheries statistics.</li> </ul>  |
| Amendment 18B (TBD)   | TBD                              | TBD   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limit participation in the golden tilefish portion of the Snapper Grouper Fishery.</li> <li>- Establish initial eligibility requirements for a golden tilefish longline endorsement.</li> <li>- Establish an appeals process.</li> <li>- Allocate commercial golden tilefish quota among gear groups.</li> <li>- Allow for transferability of golden tilefish endorsements.</li> <li>- Adjust golden tilefish fishing year.</li> <li>- Modify trip limits for fishermen who receive a golden tilefish longline endorsement.</li> <li>- Establish trip limits for fishermen who do not receive a golden tilefish longline endorsement.</li> </ul> |
| Amendment #20A  | TBD                              | PR: 77 FR 19165<br>FR: 77 FR 59129                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define and redistribute latent shares in the wreckfish ITQ program.</li> <li>- Establish a share cap.</li> <li>- Establish an appeals process.</li> </ul>  |
| Amendment #20B  | October 26, 2012                 | TBD   | -Update wreckfish ITQ according to Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act.   |
| Amendment #23 (Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2) (SAFMC 2011d) | January 30, 2012                 | PR: 76 FR 69230<br>FR: 76 FR 82183                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designate the deepwater MPAs as EFH-HAPCs.</li> <li>- Limit harvest of snapper grouper species in South Carolina SMZs to the bag limit.</li> <li>- Modify sea turtle release gear.</li> </ul>  |
| Amendment #25 (Comprehensive ACL Amendment) (SAFMC 2011e)               | April 16, 2012                   | PR: 76 FR 74757<br>Amended PR: 76 FR 82264<br>FR: 77 FR 15916 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules, ABCs, ACLs, ACTs, and AMs for species not undergoing overfishing.</li> <li>- Remove some species from snapper grouper FMU.</li> <li>- Specify ecosystem component species.</li> <li>- Specify allocations among the commercial and recreational sectors for species not undergoing overfishing.</li> <li>- Limit the total mortality for federally managed species in the South Atlantic to the ACLs.</li> </ul>  |

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| Supplemental rule (Comprehensive ACL Amendment)         | August 17, 2012                  | PR: 77 FR 23652<br>FR: 77 FR 42192 | - Revise the commercial quota for greater amberjack in the regulations, from 1,169,931 lbs gutted weight to 769,388 lbs gutted weight.  |
| Amendment #24 (SAFMC 2011f)                             | July 11, 2012                    | PR: 77 FR 19169<br>FR: 77 FR 34254 | - Specify MSY, rebuilding plan (including ACLs, AMs, and OY), and allocations for red grouper.  |
| Amendment #22   | TBD                              | TBD                                | - Tagging program to allow harvest of red snapper as stock rebuilds.<br>- Recreational tag program for golden tilefish, snowy grouper, and wreckfish.   |
| Temporary rule for red snapper through emergency action | TBD                              | TBD                                | - Allow limited harvest of red snapper in 2012.   |
| Resubmitted Amendment 18A Action Amendment              | TBD                              | PR: 77 FR 55448<br>FR: 77 FR 72991 | - Black sea bass pot endorsement transferability.   |
| Regulatory Amendment 13                                 | TBD                              | TBD                                | - Adjust ACLs and allocations for unassessed snapper grouper species with MRIP recreational estimates   |
| Regulatory Amendment 14                                 | TBD                              | TBD                                | - Modify the fishing year and reduce the trip limit for greater amberjack.<br>- Implement additional regulations to protect mutton snapper during the spawning season.<br>- Modify the minimum size limit for gray triggerfish.<br>- Modify the commercial and recreational fishing years for black sea bass. |
| Regulatory Amendment 15                                 | TBD                              | TBD                                | - Implement a revised ACL for yellowtail snapper based on the latest stock assessment, modify gag AM.   |
| Regulatory Amendment 16                                 | TBD                              | TBD                                | - Golden tilefish management measures.  |
| Regulatory Amendment 17                                 | TBD                              | TBD                                | - Adjustments to MPAs to enhance protection of speckled hind and warsaw grouper.  |
| Regulatory Amendment 18                                 | TBD                              | TBD                                | - ACLs and management measures for vermilion snapper and red pogy based on results of new assessment.   |
| Amendment 27  | TBD                              | TBD                                | - Establish the South Atlantic Council as the managing entity for Nassau grouper in the Southeast U.S.<br>- Modify the SG framework.<br>- Modify management measures for blue runner.   |

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|                 |                                  |                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reevaluate captain and crew possession prohibition for vermilion snapper, groupers, and tilefish.</li> <li>- Increase crew of commercial snapper grouper fishing trip.</li> </ul> |
| Amendment 28    | TBD                              | TBD                             | - Modify red snapper management measures, including the establishment of a process to determine future annual catch limits and fishing seasons.  |
| Amendment 29    | TBD                              | TBD                             | - Update ABCs, ACLs, and ACTs for snapper grouper species based on recommendations from SSC.   |
| Amendment 30    | TBD                              | TBD                             | - VMS for commercial sector of snapper grouper fishery.  |